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HOUSE MEMORIAL 79

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF LIMITS ON AGENCY  
REPORTS TO LEGISLATORS PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-3-14.1 NMSA 1978  
(BEING LAWS 1985, CHAPTER 19, SECTION 1).

WHEREAS, Section 2-3-14.1 NMSA 1978 provides that state  
agencies shall not send reports that are in excess of five  
pages to legislators, unless the agencies are responding to a  
direct request; and

WHEREAS, the current statute provides for the legislative  
council service to provide legislators with a compilation of  
longer reports; and

WHEREAS, legislators, nonetheless, receive reams of paper,  
including paper from agencies, even when the information  
contained in the reams of paper has not been requested by the  
legislators; and

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1           WHEREAS, legislators do want to have pertinent information  
2 but do not want to be inundated with information; and

3           WHEREAS, some agencies seem to be unclear about the  
4 limitations of the statute and their responsibilities to keep  
5 legislators informed;

6           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico  
8 legislative council be requested to write and distribute a  
9 briefing to agencies that reviews limits on reports and on the  
10 legislative council service's program to distribute reports or  
11 executive summaries in print or electronic format on a regular  
12 basis to those legislators who request them; and

13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state agencies be encouraged  
14 to provide separate executive summaries for their reports and  
15 to make the full reports and executive summaries available on  
16 the internet in a format compatible with downloading to print;  
17 and

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, unless a report has been  
19 specifically directed to or requested by a legislative agency  
20 or committee, state agencies that desire to have reports  
21 distributed to legislators provide the legislative council  
22 service library with two print copies, as required by Section  
23 2-3-14.1 NMSA 1978, and include the internet address of the  
24 posted report; and

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council.